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PEPTIDES WHICH FORM COMPLEXES WITH MHC
MOLECULES HLA-CW*1601 AND USES THEREOF
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**REQUEST FOR RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TO BE VACATED AND
IMMEDIATE EXAMINATION**

SIR:

The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement in this case on June 29, 2004, calling for restriction amongst claims 1-16.

By PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT dated February 20, 2002, claims 22-25 were pending **NOT** claims 1-16. Attached is a copy of applicants' return receipt postcard, where item "3" is a Preliminary Amendment, as well as a copy of that Preliminary Amendment.

This application has been pending for over 2½ years. Applicants believe examination on the merits is overdue.

Respectfully submitted,

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Serial No.: Divisional of 09/435,524

**TITLE: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE ENCODING PEPTIDES WHICH FORM
COMPLEXES WITH MHC MOLECULES HLA-CW*1601 AND USES THEREOF**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination please amend this application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Change the current title to -- Method For Determining BAGE Expression --.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following changes without prejudice:

Page 1, lines 8-12:

Please delete the section entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications" on page 1 lines
8-12 and replace with the following:

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-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/435,524, filed November 8, 1999, now US Patent No. which is a divisional of copending application Serial No. 09/038,328 filed on March 11, 1998, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/573,186 filed on February 16, 1995, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/389,360 filed on February 16, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/196,630 filed February 15, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,683,886 which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/079,110 filed June 17, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,571,711. All related applications and patents cited are herein incorporated by reference.

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Page 3, line 3: after "938,334," add -- now U.S. Patent No. 5,405,940 --

Line 22: after "1993" add -- now U.S. Patent No. 5,629,166 --

Line 28: after "herein" add -- now abandoned --

Page 4, line 10: after "1993" add -- now U.S. Patent No. 5,620,886 --

Line 16: after "1993" add -- "now U.S. Patent No. 5,571,711 --

Line 24: after "1994" add -- now U.S. Patent No. 5,683,886 --

Page 5, line 1: after "08/196,630" add -- now U.S. Patent No. 5,683,886 --

Page 14, line 7: change "cones" to -- clones --, --

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IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice.

Add claims 22-25 which follow:

Claim 22: A method for screening for possibility of a disorder characterized by expression of a BAGE tumor rejection antigen precursor encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, or comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, comprising contacting a sample with an agent specific for said BAGE tumor rejection antigen precursor, and determining binding between said agent and said BAGE tumor rejection antigen precursor as a determination of possibility of said disorder.

Claim 23: The method of claim 22, wherein said agent is an antibody.

Claim 24: The method of claim 22, wherein said disorder is cancer

Claim 25: The method of claim 22, wherein said cancer is melanoma.

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment is requested.

Claims 22-25 represent subject matter that was withdrawn from consideration following a restriction requirement in the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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